

# THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

## SOLDIER'S CERTIFICATE

No. 152,190

VETERAN Thomas Hopkins

RANK Priv.

SERVICE Co. 9 16 Mich. Vol. Inf.

CAN No. 2863

BUNDLE NO. 16

THE CIVIL WAR

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S. S.

F. A. B.

PENSIONER DROPPED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES PENSION AGENCY

DETROIT, MICH.

FEB 7 1911, 191

Certificate No. 152190

Class INVALID

Pensioner Thomas Hopkins

Soldier

Service Pl. I 16 Mich. Vol.

The Commissioner of Pensions.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the  
above-named pensioner who was last paid  
at \$24, to Sept. 4, 1910  
has been dropped because of DEATH  
Nov. 10, 1910.

Very respectfully,

O. A. James.

United States Pension Agent.

NOTE.—Every name dropped to be thus reported at  
once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date  
of death when known.

# ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.



## CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

(To be used, in duplicate, in all cases of discharge on account of disability.)

Corporal Thomas Hopkins of Captain J. M. North's  
Company, (I) of the Sixteenth Regiment of United States—

Michigan Volunteers was enlisted by Supt James L. Topping of  
the Sixteenth Regiment of Infantry at Ripon, Wisconsin County, Mich.  
on the ninth day of August 1862 to serve three years; he was born  
in Truske in the State of New York is thirty eight  
years of age, five feet eight inches high, dark complexion, Blue eyes,  
Brown hair, and by occupation when enlisted a Farmer. During the last two

months said soldier has been unfit for duty, 58 days. (Here consult directions on Form 13, p. 325, Medical Dept. Gen. Reg.)

The said Thomas Hopkins was taken sick while on the march with the Regiment near  
Hartwood Church Va on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Dec 1862 and returned sick and was taken into  
hospital on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1863—Sent to the Corps Hospital on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January  
returned to the Regimental on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February where he still remains sick and unfit for duty

STATION: New Plymouth Va

DATE: February 27<sup>th</sup> 1863 James L. Topping Supt-Commanding Company.

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said Thomas Hopkins of  
Captain North's Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier  
because of (Here consult par. 1260, p. 284 and directions on Form 13, p. 325, Med. Dept. Gen. Reg.) Pneumonia

having been confined to Hospital for the  
the last two months with strong symptoms of  
Pneumonia Pulmonaria and in my opinion will  
not in future be able to perform the duties of a soldier  
D. A. A. M. D. Surgeon.

DISCHARGED, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1863, at Fort Fisher  
N. E. Welch  
Supt Col Commanding the Post. Regt

NOTE 1.—When a probable case for pension, special care must be taken to state the degree of disability.

NOTE 2.—The place where the soldier desires to be addressed may be here added.

Town—

County—

State—

M. D. Davis letter  
May 10 1863  
140 Brindley

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DECLARATION

ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.

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TO BE EXECUTED BEFORE A COURT OF RECORD OR SOME OFFICER THEREOF HAVING CUSTODY OF ITS SEAL.

State of Michigan  
Gratiot County, } ss.

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six  
 personally appeared before me, Clus of the Circuit, a court of  
 record within and for the County and State aforesaid; Thomas Hopkins aged  
47 years, a resident of the Township of Lafayette, county of Gratiot  
Michigan, State of Michigan, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares

that he is the identical Thomas Hopkins who was ENROLLED on  
 the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1862, in Company I of the 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
 of Mich. Vols. commanded by J. M. Motts  
 and was honorably DISCHARGED at Camp near Falmouth Va. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day  
 of March, 1863; that his personal description is as follows: Age 47 years; height  
5 feet 8 inches; complexion, Sunk; hair, Brown; eyes, Blue

That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty at Falmouth  
Virginia, in the State of Virginia, on or about the 2<sup>d</sup> day  
 of December, 1862, he Rheumatism and

Here state name or nature of disease, or the location of wound or injury. If disabled by  
 nervous disability owing to a  
 disease, state fully its causes; if by wound or injury, the precise manner in which received.

spinal irritation brought on  
by a forced march. Pain and weak-  
ness of extremities and back, numbness  
and stiffness, and spells of being blind  
unable to perform any hard labor

That he was treated in hospitals as follows: at Falmouth, and Winsmill-  
point, Va., by Regimental & Hospital surgeons  
 of treatment.

From Dec. 1862 to March 1863

That he has not been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above

Here state what

the service was, whether prior or subsequent to that stated above, and the dates at which it began and ended.

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the Lafayette  
 in the State of Michigan, and his occupation has been that of a Farmer

That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when  
 enrolled a Farmer. That he is now Partially disabled from obtaining his subsistence by  
 manual labor by reason of his injuries, above described, received in the service of the United States; and he there-  
 fore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, A. A. Dimmick  
 of Washington State of D. C., his true and lawful attorney  
 to prosecute his claim. That he has never received not applied for a Pension. That his  
 POST OFFICE ADDRESS is Lafayette county of Gratiot  
 State of Michigan

Claimant's signature,

Thomas Hopkins

ATTEST:

A. R. Howard  
James Hopkins

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 219,414, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that Thomas Hopkins was enrolled on the 9 day of Aug, 1862, at Augustine, in Co. D, 16 Regiment of Mich Volunteers, to serve 3 years or during the war, and mustered into service as a Privt on the 5 day of Sept, 1862, at Detroit, in Co. D, 16 Regiment of Mich Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. D, of that Regiment, for the months of Nov Dec, 1862, he is reported present for duty - Station of Regt Nov 1/62 Antietam Ford Md - Dec 1/62 - New Falmouth Va - Reported present to Feb 28/63 - He was discharged for disability March 6/63 -

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

C. W. Benjamin  
Assistant Adjutant General.  
(2)

The Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

V. B. A.

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Middle

Div.

E. M. G. S., Ex'r.

Dept No. 152190 Department of the Interior,  
 Thomas Hopkins BUREAU OF PENSIONS,  
 Co. D, 16 Reg't Michigan  
 Washington, D. C., Sept 10, 1897

Sir:

Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.

Very respectfully,

Mr Thomas Hopkins Edgewood  
 Gratiot Co Mich  
 A. C. Brand  
 Commissioner.

No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.

Answer: 1. Yes, 2. Mary Hopkins (Maiden name) Mary Tillman

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer: 1. 1855, 2. Byron Shawanawille

13. by Nicholas Gulick Esq

No. 3. What record of marriage exists?

Answer:

Certificate of Marriage

No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the

date and place of her death or divorce. Answer: 1. No

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their

birth. Answer: Adelia May 9. 1855; Margie May 1. 1856;  
 Warren Sept 13. 1859; Flora Oct. 18. 1861; Fannie Feb. 20.  
 1864; Emma July 3. 1866; Nora Sept 18. 1868;  
 Lillian Oct. 18. 1870; Maud April 30. 1873;  
 Rosco Sept. 21. 1876; Willie Feb. 20. 1877

Date of reply, Sept 14, 1897.

Thomas Hopkins  
 (Signature.)

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Michigan } SS:  
COUNTY OF Genesee

In the matter of Pension Claim No 219,414 of  
Thomas Hopkins

Personally came before me, a Notary Public

in and for aforesaid County and State, Isaac Wixom  
citizen of Anton County of Genesee State of  
Michigan well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and  
who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he was the Surgeon of the 16<sup>th</sup> Reg.  
Mich Vol Infantry during and from the time  
the Regiment went into the service of the  
United States in 1861 up to the Spring of 1863

That he knew Thomas Hopkins who was  
a member of Co. I of said Regiment during  
the time he was a member of said Regiment

That at the time of the enlistment of  
the said Hopkins he was a sound  
healthy man and continued so  
until after about the 30<sup>th</sup> of Dec  
1862, about which time the said Regiment  
went on a forced march Hopkins going  
with his Regiment - and that immediately  
on the return of said Regiment from  
said march Hopkins reported to him  
sick with inflammatory Rheumatism  
and went into the Hospital and did  
not leave it until he was discharged  
in March 1863, and in my opinion his  
disease was caused by the hard marching  
and exposure on said forced march

That after he came home from the army in  
1863 he treated the said Hopkins for some two  
years for the same disease - and that he had not at  
that time & cannot - That Hopkins then moved away & he  
has not seen him until the present time & that he now appears  
to be suffering from the same disease

further declare that he no interest in said case, and  
he is concerned in its prosecution.

Attest - when any affiant signs BY MARK, (2 persons)

Signature  
of  
Affiants.

Isaac Wixom  
Late Surgeon of 16<sup>th</sup> Regt  
Mich - Infantry

[OVER.]

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF

COUNTY OF

Michigan  
Ontonagon

SS:

In the matter of Pension Claim N<sup>o</sup> 219,414  
of Thomas Hopkins, Claimant.

Personally came before me, a Clerk of the Circuit Court

in and for aforesaid County and State,

Wm. S. Scott

M.D.

citizen of

Shaw

County of

Ontonagon

State of

Michigan

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and

who being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

that he is a practicing physician and personally well acquainted with the aforesaid Claimant; between two and three years that being the first time he consulted me in regard to his illness. I found him suffering from Rheumatism confined principally to his back and lower extremities. being very lame and a sufferer from severe pain considerable portion of the time up to the present date. I have repeatedly prescribed for him without any material relief or lasting benefit. He has a portion of the time been confined to his house.

Examined and signed  
Office

That his P. O. Address is as above

He further declares that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK, (2 persons.)

Signature  
of  
Affiants.

W. S. Scott M.D.

[OVER.]



# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF

COUNTY OF

Michigan  
Grafton

SS:

In the matter of Pension Claim N<sup>o</sup> 219414  
of Thomas Hopkins, Claimant

Personally came before me, a Clerk of the Circuit  
Court

in and for aforesaid County and State, Asa P. Beam a  
citizen of La Fayette County of Grafton State of  
Michigan well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and

who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he is a practicing physician, and per-  
sonally well acquainted with the aforesaid  
claimant; and has been since the year  
1868, and that in his opinion  
claimant has had Rheumatism  
that he has treated him for that  
disease and that he has within  
the last few days examined said  
claimant and believes him to be  
still suffering from the same  
disease

That his P. O. Address is as above

He further declares that he has no interest in said case, and  
is not concerned in its prosecution.

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK, (2 persons)

Signature  
of  
Affiants.

Asa P. Beam

# PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

State of Michigan County of Gratiot SS.

Thomas Hopkins In the matter of Pension Claim No. 519414  
Claimant,

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace  
in and for aforesaid County and State, Asa P. Beaman  
a citizen of Lafayette County of Gratiot State of  
Michigan well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being  
duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he a practicing physician, and that he has been acquainted with claimant for about 42 years.

And that he has treated  
him for Rheumatism in and  
during about the entire month  
of July, 1877, and diverse  
other times since to October 1877  
resulting in temporary relief  
of Rheumatism. He has been his  
claimant's trouble ever since he became  
acquainted with him he has been  
unable to labor very much of the  
time. He could work a few days at  
a time and then be laid up for weeks and  
even months. He is very lame now.

He further declares that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

Asa P. Beaman  
(Affiant's Signature.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1877.  
The affiant is the person he represents himself to be, and a credible witness. I am not interested in this claim.  
Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Garrett H. Crueson Justice of the Peace [SEAL.]  
(Official Signature.)

I certify that Garrett H. Crueson before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, is a  
Justice of the Peace duly qualified, and the above is his signature. I am not interested.

W. D. Deathergood [SEAL.]  
(Signature.)  
C. Clerk, Gratiot Co. Mich.  
(Official character.)

If this evidence is sworn to before a Notary Public or Justice, it will be necessary to have the Clerk's certificate attached, unless said Notary or Justice already has such a certificate on file in the Pension Office, showing official capacity. If such a certificate is on file, the Notary or Justice must say so, in his Jurat.

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Michigan } SS:  
COUNTY OF Seneca }

In the matter of Pension Claim N<sup>o</sup> 219,414 of  
Thomas Hopkins, Claimant

Personally came before me, a Notary Public

in and for aforesaid County and State, James L. Topping, a  
citizen of Bentonville County of Seneca State of  
Michigan well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and

who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

that he was during the late civil war Lieut.  
of Co. I 16<sup>th</sup> Regt. Michigan State Vols.  
in which the claimant as aforesaid was a Pri-  
vate; that on or about the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Dec.  
1862 when near Camp Gilmouth Va. he (the  
claimant) contracted Rheumatism, with pains  
in the back, weakness of extremities, numbness,  
sickness, and occasional spells of being blind,  
which was brought on, and caused by forced  
marching of 25 miles in the night, and ex-  
posure to the weather; that the affiant's knowl-  
edge of the fact is derived from personal  
acquaintance, association and being present  
at the time

that his P. O. Address is as above

He further declares that he has no interest in said case, and  
is not concerned in its prosecution.

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK, (2 persons )

Signature  
of  
Affiant.

James L. Topping

[OVER.]

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Michigan }  
COUNTY OF Shiawassee } SS:

In the matter of Pension claim no 519414

Thomas Hopkins Claimant

Personally came before me, a Notary Public

in and for aforesaid County and State,

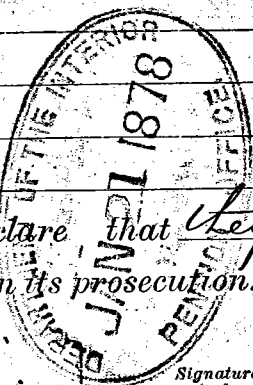
Charles L Fox & Cassie V Leonard  
citizens of Burns <sup>Deerfield</sup> County of Shiawassee <sup>Livingston</sup> State of  
Michigan well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and

who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That they have been acquainted with claimant for about 30 years and that he was treated for Rheumatism by Dr Fox for said complaint from the time of his discharge from service or about the year 1865 until about a year previous to his death. That he Dr Fox died July 1871. That C L Fox above written is the son of Dr Fox, and that C L Fox & the claimant have lived as neighbors to each other about 25 years, and that Cassie V Leonard has lived in the family & about 10 years & neighbor to him (the Claimant) for about 5 years.

They further declare that they have no interest in said case, and are not concerned in its prosecution.

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK, (2 persons)



Signature of Affiants.

Charles L Fox  
Cassie V Leonard

[OVER.]

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Michigan } SS:  
COUNTY OF Gratiot

In the matter of the application of Thomas Hopkins  
for pension

Personally came before me, a Notary Public  
in and for aforesaid County and State, Jared R Pitts and David  
Thomas

citizens of Lafayette in the County of Gratiot State of  
Michigan well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and

who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

that we have been acquainted with the above named  
applicant for the period of twelve and thirteen  
years respectively, that we have lived in his  
immediately neighborhood during the whole of the  
above named period and that we have worked  
for him at various times during said period,  
and that we further depose and say that the said  
applicant has been afflicted more or less during said  
period, with lameness that we call rheumatism  
in consequence of which he has been entirely  
disabled at times and we further depose and  
say that said lameness is getting worse,

And we further declare that we have no interest in said case, and  
are not concerned in its prosecution.

Attest—when duly officiated by MARK (2 persons)

(OVER)

Signature  
of  
Affiants.

Jared R Pitts  
David, Thomas

